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Scoping Report

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Notice of Intent



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W. Craig Fugate,
Administrator, Federal Emergency
Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal—State Class III Gaming Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an approval of the gaming compact between the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 13, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the *Federal Register* notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. This Compact increases the number of gaming devices for which the Tribe is authorized to operate from 250 to 500.

Dated: August 31, 2011.

Larry Echo Hawk,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of

Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 30 S., R. 2 W., accepted August 18, 2011.
T. 20 S., R. 6 W., accepted August 18, 2011.
T. 18 S., R. 12 W., accepted August 18, 2011.
T. 16 S., R. 1 W., accepted August 29, 2011.
T. 19 S., R. 8 W., accepted August 29, 2011.
T. 13 S., R. 6 W., accepted August 30, 2011.
T. 3 S., R. 3 E., accepted August 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Land Office at the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest (at the above address) with the Oregon/Washington State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Hensley, (503) 808-6124, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Fred O'Ferrall,
Chief, Branch of Land, Mineral, and Energy Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Document and Proposed Plan Amendment for the West Mojave (WEMO) Plan, Motorized Vehicle Access Element, Inyo, Kern and Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended (NEPA), and the *Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976*, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District (CDD) intends to prepare an environmental document to amend the West Mojave (WEMO) area plan. By this Notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the environmental document and proposed plan amendment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until October 13, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>. In order to be fully considered in the environmental document, all scoping comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the environmental document.

ADDRESSES: The public may submit comments on planning criteria and related issues, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: cawemopa@blm.gov.
- Web site: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.
- Fax: (951) 697-5299.
- Mail: BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, ATTN: Alan Stein, Moreno Valley, CA 92553-9046.

Documents relevant to this proposal may be examined at the California Desert District Office or Web site (address above), or the BLM's California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Stein, telephone (951) 697-5382; address Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, ATTN: Alan Stein, Moreno Valley, CA 92553-9046; e-mail cawemopa@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980 addressed public-land resources and resources use within 25-million acres of land in southern California. The 1980 CDCA Plan included 12 plan elements, including a Motorized Vehicle Element. The Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan addressed both access and vehicular use of public lands in southern California, and identified management guidelines and objectives. The CDCA Plan of 1980 has been amended numerous times since it was adopted in 1982. The CDCA Plan contains language that has been judicially determined to restrict motorized routes to those that existed in 1980.

In 2006, the BLM approved a comprehensive amendment to the West Mojave area of the CDCA Plan. In a 2006 Western Mojave Record of Decision (WEMO ROD) the BLM amended the CDCA Plan and modified its motorized vehicle management decisions, including off-highway vehicle (OHV) route designation, on more than 3 million acres of public land within the CDCA. The 2006 WEMO ROD approved the designation of 5,098 miles of motorized vehicle routes without specifically changing the language of the 1980 CDCA plan.

A lawsuit was filed challenging the WEMO ROD's route designation process. In January 2011, a court order remanded the 2006 WEMO ROD to the BLM and, in part, directed the BLM to amend the CDCA Plan and reconsider route designation throughout the WEMO area. By court order, the BLM must issue a revised decision by March 31, 2014.

A plan amendment is necessary to update language in the Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan. The plan amendment, and associated environmental documents, will address two components, among

others: (1) Alternatives for amending the Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan for the WEMO area; and (2) Alternative processes for designating travel routes within the sub-regional areas of the WEMO plan area.

The main purpose of the scoping process is to solicit public comments on the following:

1. Identification of those portions of the WEMO plan that should be revised to reflect current management policy regarding motorized vehicle access;
2. Identification of the process and decision criteria that should be used to designate routes in the sub-regional areas of the WEMO plan area;
3. Identification of motorized vehicle use issues and concerns within each sub-regional area of the WEMO plan area;
4. Identification of the best science and technology available to identify and establish viable route networks in the sub-regional areas of the WEMO plan area; and
5. Whether the BLM should analyze an amendment to the WEMO plan as it relates, primarily, to motorized vehicle use separately or in conjunction with sub-regional route designation, and alternatives to route designation.

The proposed planning effort would allow the BLM to revise portions of the Motorized Vehicle Element of the CDCA Plan to more clearly describe how motorized vehicle use will be managed in the CDCA according to current BLM policy. A primary objective of the proposed action for this plan amendment is to replace the following CDCA Plan language: "at the minimum, use will be restricted to existing routes of travel," with language that reflects current BLM policy, such as restricting motorized vehicle use to designated routes. Other language from the CDCA Plan may be modified to reduce confusion and clearly state to the public where motorized vehicle use is appropriate and where it is inappropriate.

Further, subsequently, concurrently, or in a combination of both, additional environmental analysis would address current route designation within the WEMO sub-regional areas. This analysis would result in new decisions for each sub-regional area within the WEMO plan area that would either retain or modify, in whole or in part, current route designations. New route designation decisions would be issued in accordance with the route designation criteria in 43 CFR 8342.1, and in consideration of other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The public scoping process for this action will also determine relevant

issues, impacts, and possible alternatives that could influence the scope of the environmental analysis, and guide the entire process from plan decision-making to route designation review in order to comply with the court order.

The BLM has identified the following preliminary issues of concern: Special status species, vegetation communities (including unique plant assemblages), special area designations, air quality in previously designated open areas, cultural resources, soils, springs and seeps, fringe-toed lizard habitat, and cumulative effects.

By this Notice, the BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans. The BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA process. The scoping process will help determine whether the BLM prepares an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement (EIS), based on the anticipated level of impacts. In the event the BLM elects to prepare an EIS, this notice satisfies the requirement in 40 CFR 1501.7 to publish a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act* (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)), as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and tribal concerns including impacts on Indian trust assets, if any, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this proposed plan amendment or implementation decisions, are invited to participate in the scoping process, and the whole of the public involvement process.

Preliminary planning criteria include the following:

1. The plan amendment will comply with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
2. For program-specific guidance for decisions at the land use planning level, the process will follow the BLM's policies in the Land Use Planning Handbook, H-1601-1 and Manual Section 1626, Travel and Transportation Management.
3. Public participation and collaboration will be an integral part of the planning process.
4. The BLM will strive to make decisions in the plan compatible with

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the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, and Federal agencies and local American Indian tribes, as long as the decisions are consistent with the purposes, policies, and programs of Federal law and regulations applicable to public lands.

5. The plan amendment will incorporate, where applicable and appropriate, management decisions brought forward from existing planning documents.

6. The BLM will work collaboratively with cooperating agencies and all other interested groups, agencies, and individuals.

7. GIS and metadata information will meet Federal Geographic Data Committee standards, as required by Executive Order 12906. All other applicable BLM data standards will also be followed.

8. The planning process will provide for ongoing consultation with American Indian tribes and strategies for protecting recognized traditional uses, e.g., gathering of traditionally used plant materials.

9. The plan amendment will focus on developing language for the WEMO area that conforms to the goals of the Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan as described in the 1982 Plan Amendment #3.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made available any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public release, the BLM cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Thomas Pogacnik,
Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[2253-665]

**Notice of Inventory Completion:
Maxwell Museum of Anthropology,
University of New Mexico,
Albuquerque, NM**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico has completed an inventory of

human remains, in consultation with the appropriate Indian tribe, and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and a present-day Indian tribe. Representatives of any Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains may contact the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico. Repatriation of the human remains to the Indian tribe stated below may occur if no additional claimants come forward.

DATES: Representatives of any Indian tribe that believes it has a cultural affiliation with the human remains should contact the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico at the address below by October 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Heather Edgar, Curator of Human Osteology, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, MSC01 1050, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131, telephone (505) 277-4415.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the possession of Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. The human remains were removed from Sandoval County, NM.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Consultation

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico.

History and Description of the Remains

Between the 1930s and 1940s, human remains representing a minimum of 189 individuals were removed from the Unshagi site (LA 123), Sandoval County, NM, during excavations by University of New Mexico field schools. The human remains were accessioned by the museum between 1973 and 1975. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Between the 1930s and 1940s, human remains representing a minimum of 78 individuals were removed from the Guisewa site (LA 679), Sandoval County, NM, during excavations by University of New Mexico field schools. The human remains were accessioned by the museum between 1973 and 1975. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Between the 1930s and 1940s, human remains representing a minimum of 65 individuals were removed from the Nonishagi site (LA 541), Sandoval County, NM, during excavations by University of New Mexico field schools. The human remains were accessioned by the museum between 1973 and 1975. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

At unknown dates, human remains representing a minimum of 84 individuals were removed from various sites located in the area of "Jemez." No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The human remains are identified as ancestral Jemez because they came from Puebloan sites of the upper Jemez River drainage. Populations that inhabited these sites are linked by Native oral tradition, Euro-American records, and archeological evidence to members of the present-day Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico.

Determinations Made by the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico

Officials of the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico have determined that:

- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(9), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of at least 416 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico.

Additional Requestors and Disposition

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Heather Edgar, Curator of Human Osteology, Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, MSC01 1050, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131, telephone (505) 277-4415, before October 13, 2011. Repatriation of the human remains to the Pueblo of Jemez, New Mexico, may proceed after that

West Mojave Plan Amendment Website

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West Mojave (WEMO) Plan Amendment Activity

BACKGROUND

The **West Mojave Plan** is a federal land use plan amendment adopted in 2006, that (1) presents a comprehensive strategy to conserve and protect the desert tortoise, the Mojave ground squirrel and over 100 other sensitive plants and animals and the natural communities of which they are a part, and (2) provides a streamlined program for complying with the requirements of the California and federal Endangered Species Acts (CESA and FESA, respectively).

The planning area covers 9.3 million acres in the western portion of the Mojave Desert in southern California covering parts of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Kern, and Inyo Counties. The plan applies to the 3.2 million acres of public lands.

The **Record of Decision for the West Mojave Plan / Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan** was signed in March 2006. Other agencies did not adopt the habitat conservation plan proposed in the West Mojave Plan to cover their jurisdictions, and therefore the adopted plan only applies to public lands.

An amended **Biological Opinion** to the WEMO Plan from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was signed in December 2007.

In September of 2009, the Court issued a **summary judgment** remanding the route designations made in the West Mojave Plan, but keeping other parts of the plan, primarily related to the conservation of species, in place. A **remedy order** based on this judgment was issued in January, 2011, and identified the West Mojave route network, with few changes, would be in place until the remedy order is satisfied.

To satisfy the remedy order, new route designations must be completed, consistent with the court's order, by March 31, 2014. This is the basis for the supplemental West Mojave EIS and specific travel management plans now under development.

Public Comments

The **Notice of Intent** to prepare an environmental document and proposed plan amendment initiates the public scoping process ending on **October 17, 2011**. The supplemental EIS will form the framework for route designation in the West Mojave area, consistent with the rest of the West Mojave Plan. The plan amendment will address inconsistencies in the language between the CDCA and the West Mojave Plan that was one of the subjects of the court order.

In addition, eight travel management plans are being prepared to designate specific routes in various portions of the West Mojave and implement the route network. Eight scoping meetings have been scheduled to initiate these plans. A map overview of the area covered by each of the meetings is also provided. If you would like to submit comments, you can use the posted **comment form** if you wish. The scoping process for the travel management plan ends April 15, 2012. Comments provided after that time will be considered as feasible until the draft plans are published, but will not be included in the scoping document for the travel management plans.

Please submit public comments by email at cawemopa@blm.gov or send them to Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WEMO Plan Activity Amendment, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District
22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
Phone: (951) 697-5200
Fax: (951) 697-5299
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., M-F
Contact us by Email

WEMO Court Mandates

Supplemental Maps

Travel Management Area 1 Maps

West Mojave Route Network DAC Subgroup

Next Meetings June 5, 2012 & July 10, 2012

Cooperating Agencies Desk Guide

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BLM Travel Management Guidance

- Travel Management Program
- Travel Management Guidance
- Off-Road Vehicles: 43 CFR Part 8340
- Designation Criteria: 43 CFR Part 8342.1
- CDCA Plan – Motorized Vehicle Access Element (from 1999 printed version of CDCA Plan)

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West Mojave Plan Amendment News Release – 09/13/2011

BLM Announces Intent to Prepare Environmental Document for Motorized Vehicle Management in West Mojave Planning Area (09/13/2011)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT NEWS RELEASE
California Desert District Office

Release Date: 09/13/11
Contacts: Stephen Razo 951-697-5217
David Briery 951-697-5220

News Release No. CA-CDD-11-77

BLM Announces Intent to Prepare Environmental Document for Motorized Vehicle Management in West Mojave Planning Area

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California Desert District, announced its intent to prepare an environmental document to analyze a proposed plan amendment and alternatives covering the management of motorized vehicles on public lands in the West Mojave (WEMO) area.

A Notice of Intent to prepare the plan for areas in Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties published in the Federal Register today.

By this Notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments on:

- (1) issues related to plan decisions which will guide the management of motorized vehicle access in the WEMO plan area;
- (2) process and decision criteria to be used during plan implementation to designate routes;
- (3) issues and concerns within each subregion;
- (4) additional issues cited by the January 28, 2011 Court Order including special status species, vegetation communities (including unique plant assemblages), special area designations, air quality, cultural resources, soils, springs and seeps and Mojave fringe-toed lizard habitat; and
- (5) the "bundling of analysis areas" for route designation.

A lawsuit was filed by a variety of Plaintiffs challenging the BLM's Record of Decision (ROD) for the 2006 WEMO Plan. On January 28, 2011, the Court issued an Order-Remedy and remanded the 2006 WEMO ROD to the BLM and, in part, directed the BLM to amend the plan and to reconsider route designations. The court required that a revised decision for the WEMO route designation be completed by March 31, 2014.

Two BLM public scoping meetings will be held: one in Ridgecrest and one in Barstow. Details on the public scoping meetings are provided below. Any additional public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newspapers, mailings, and at the BLM web page: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html> at least 15 days prior to the event.

September 27, 2011: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

September 29, 2011: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Kerr McGee Center
100 W. California Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 499-5151

Hampton Inn
2710 Lenwood Road
Barstow, California 92311
(760) 253-2600

The public may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the WEMO EA for the Motorized Vehicle Access Element, by any of the following methods:

- 1) Email: cawemopa@blm.gov
- 2) Fax: (951) 697-5299
- 3) Mail: ATTN: Alan Stein, BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553-9046

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the California Desert District Office, address above, or the BLM's California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. For further information contact: Alan Stein, (951) 697-5382.

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California Desert District Office 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

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West Mojave Plan Amendment News Release – 12/21/2011

Public Meetings Scheduled to Address West Mojave Desert Routes of Travel Designations (12-21-2011)



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT NEWS RELEASE
California Desert District

Release Date: 12/21/11

Contacts: Stephen Razo, (951) 697-5217 or
David Briery, (951) 697-5220

News Release No. CDD-12-17

Public Meetings Scheduled to Address West Mojave Desert Routes of Travel Designations

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has scheduled eight public scoping meetings to gather public comments and recommendations on the preparation of environmental assessments for eight travel management areas within the West Mojave Planning Area. These eight travel management areas are identified on the attached map, and each one will be a focus of one of the eight meetings. This information will be used to compile travel management area information and develop preliminary route network alternatives for the West Mojave planning area.

Area residents and other publics interested in the public lands and the area public lands route network are encouraged to attend. Public input relative to local area knowledge, issues and opportunities, including route access changes, are needed.

Meetings for Travel Management Areas under the jurisdiction of the Barstow Field Office will be held at the Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311. Meetings for Travel Management Areas under the jurisdiction of the Ridgecrest Field Office will be held at the Kerr-McGee Bldg, 100 West California Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

All scoping meetings are from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and include a presentation and an open-house opportunity to review maps and provide route-specific and location-specific comments to the BLM. The public is encouraged to attend the travel management plan meetings to assure that comments are accurately captured, including location, route or site identification, specific issues, and rationale. You may also provide written comments.

- Monday, January 9 TMA 1: Broadwell Lake, Afton Canyon and East of Barstow Signing Subregions in the Barstow Field Office.
- Wednesday, January 18 TMA 2: Sierras, Darwin, and North and South Searles Signing Subregions in the Kerr-McGee Center.
- Thursday, January 26 TMA 3: Juniper, Rattlesnake, Morongo, Wonder Valley and Joshua Tree Signing Subregions in the Barstow Field Office and the northern most portions of PSSC in WEMO.
- Monday, February 6 TMA 4: Jawbone, Middle Knob and Lancaster Signing Subregions in the Kerr-McGee Center.
- Thursday, February 9 TMA 5: WEMO North Barstow Desert Wildlife Management Area Signing Subregions North of I-15 and SR 58 in the Barstow Field Office.
- Tuesday, February 14 TMA 6: Ridgecrest, El Paso, Rands and Red Mtn Signing Subregions in the Kerr-McGee Center.
- Thursday, February 16 TMA 7: El Mirage (including Edwards Bowl area), Fremont, and Iron Mountains Signing Subregions South of SR 58 in the Barstow Field Office.
- Tuesday, February 21 TMA 8: Lands adjacent to Stoddard and Johnson OHV Areas, and other Signing Subregions in the Barstow and Needles Field Offices South of I-40 and North of SR 247 including, and East of Interstate I-15.

Preliminary alternatives will be provided for review and public comment after scoping for specific areas are completed. Additional public meetings will be held by the Desert Advisory Council Subgroup currently being formed for the West Mojave Route Network. The public will have the opportunity to participate in these subgroup meetings.

The BLM will consider public comments, as feasible, until the BLM proposed Travel Management Plans are published. For more information or to submit a comment contact: Edy Seehafer, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311, by email at cawemopa@blm.gov, or by phone at (760) 252-6021. Additional information is also posted at the West Mojave Amendment Website at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html. Please respond by April 15, 2012 with scoping comments and/or to be added to the mailing list.

--BLM--

California Desert District 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

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West Mojave Plan Amendment News Release – 01/18/2012

BLM Schedules Meetings to Address West Mojave Desert Routes of Travel Designation



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BLM Schedules Meetings to Address West Mojave Desert Routes of Travel Designation

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has scheduled eight open-house public scoping meetings to gather public comments and recommendations on the preparation of environmental assessments for eight travel management areas (TMAs) within the West Mojave Planning Area.

Area residents and interested members of the public encouraged to attend. The BLM will solicit public input relative to local area knowledge, issues and opportunities, including changes to route access.

Barstow meetings: Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311

- **Thursday, Jan. 26.** TMA 3: Juniper, Rattlesnake, Morongo, Wonder Valley and Joshua Tree signing sub-regions
- **Thursday, Feb. 9.** TMA 5: WEMO North Barstow Desert Wildlife Management Area signing sub-regions north of I-15 and SR 58
- **Tuesday, Feb. 14.** TMA 6: El Mirage (including Edwards Bowl area), Fremont, and Iron Mountains signing sub-regions south of SR 58
- **Tuesday, Feb. 21.** TMA 8: Lands adjacent to Stoddard and Johnson OHV Areas, and other signing sub-regions south of I-40 and north of SR 247 including east of Interstate I-15

Ridgecrest meetings: Kerr-McGee Bldg, 100 West California Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

- **Wednesday, Jan. 18.** TMA 2: Sierras, Darwin, and North and South Searles signing sub-regions
- **Monday, Feb. 6.** TMA 4: Jawbone, Middle Knob and Lancaster signing sub-regions
- **Thursday, Feb. 16.** TMA 7: Ridgecrest, El Paso, Rands and Red Mtn signing sub-regions

All scoping meetings are from 4 to 7 p.m. and include a presentation and an open-house opportunity to review maps and provide route-specific and location-specific comments to the BLM. The public is encouraged to attend the travel management plan meetings to assure that comments are accurately captured, including location, route or site identification, specific issues, and rationale. You may also provide written comments.

The areas addressed in each of the eight travel management meetings are identified on the attached map. Your scoping information will be used to compile travel management area information and develop preliminary route network alternatives for the West Mojave planning area.

Preliminary alternatives will be posted for review and public comment after scoping for specific areas are completed. Additional public meetings will be held by the Desert Advisory Council Subgroup currently being formed for the West Mojave Route Network. The public will have the opportunity to participate in these subgroup meetings.

The BLM will consider public comments, as feasible, until the BLM proposed Travel Management Plans are published. For more information or to submit a comment contact: Edy Seehafer, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311, by email at cawemopa@blm.gov, or by phone at (760) 252-6021. Additional information is also posted at the West Mojave Amendment Website at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html. Please respond by Apr. 15, 2012 with scoping comments and/or to be added to the mailing list.

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